

Farm Haven for DPs Offered by Bishops

Washington — (NC) — A Catholic Bishop, appearing here at a Congressional hearing on the Stratton Bill to admit 400,000 displaced persons into the United States, not only declared that America has the moral obligation to grant asylum to refugees from injustice but offered concrete assurances to help settle many of the DPs in U. S. farm communities.

The prelate was Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington, Kentucky, president of National Catholic Rural Life Conference. He gave the House Subcommittee on Immigration the names of 16 American Bishops who have made preparations to help European refugees begin a new life on American farms, and he gave detailed figures, in some instances, of the number of families that might be placed in particular localities.

At the same hearing Owen J. Roberts, retired Supreme Court Justice, and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, joined Bishop Mulloy in support of legislation admitting substantial numbers of DPs into the United States.

The rural life conference, Bishop Mulloy testified, was willing to cooperate "in settling the displaced persons on the land, first as hired help, during which apprenticeship they will become thoroughly familiar with American methods of agriculture and adjust themselves to life in the community, and ultimately, having been thoroughly absorbed into the community itself, as renters and then owners of the land."

He also presented to the Congressmen these specific offers:

1. From Archbishop John G. Gregory Murray of St. Paul: "I volunteer to sponsor 1,000 families from Bohemia with rural background, 500 families from France with rural background, 500 families from Italy with rural background, 1,000 families from Poland with industrial background, 300 families from Slovakia with industrial background."

2. From Bishop J. E. Bennett of Lafayette, Indiana: "I shall do all I can here in Lafayette diocese. The following groupings would be of help: Farmers, owners-operators of farms, farm laborers — using entire families for this purpose (institutions, hospitals, seminaries, colleges and schools, rectories and churches). These would absorb many of these people."

3. From Bishop Peter W. Barthelemy, Coadjutor of St. Cloud, Minnesota: "Several families could be located in the homes of our twelve Polish parishes in rural areas of the Diocese of St. Cloud."

4. From the Rev. J. F. Fromm, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ashtabula, Ohio: "Every one of our rural parishes could use some families for agricultural labor. Here in Ashtabula we could use some thirty families, especially from the eastern part of Germany."

The Kentucky prelate also had general volunteers of help from 13 other American Bishops placed in the record of the hearing, as a "mass action" of opinion from dioceses across the country.

"It is to be distinctly understood," Bishop Mulloy told the House group, "that the National Catholic Rural Life Conference stresses the advisability of locating these people on the land."

Marian Rites Draw 200,000 Opening Crowd

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As Cardinal McGuigan entered, the voices of a special choir and the peeling of the organ echoed the devotion of the great assembly in the hymn "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus."

After a prayer the Pontifical Brief was read in Latin, French and English.

Soon after the Basilica ceremony, Cardinal McGuigan and his entourage proceeded by automobile to the Chateau Laurier, where the official Governmental reception was extended to His Eminence.

Prime Minister Speaks

This ceremony opened with the Canadian Anthem, "O Canada," and was featured by the address of welcome by Prime Minister King, and the reply of Cardinal McGuigan.

Attending this official reception were the visiting Cardinals, members of the Federal Cabinet, members of the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Hierarchy, the Chief Justice of Canada, other members of the Judiciary, members of the Canadian Houses of Parliament, federal and Provincial leaders and officials, municipal authorities, clergy and a host of others.

Today's ceremonies opened with a Pontifical Mass sung at the Basilica by Archbishop Vachon, during which the voice of His Holiness Pope Pius XII was heard in a broadcast direct from Vatican City. His Holiness spoke in both English and French. Sermons during the Mass were being given by Archbishop John D'Alton, Primate of All Ireland, and by Archbishop Norbert Robit chand of Montreal, N. B.

Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada, was host to Cardinal McGuigan at Government House at luncheon. There will be a Midnight Mass at the Repository tonight.

Tomorrow's program includes a Pontifical Mass in the Eastern Rite at the Basilica. At noon, tomorrow, Prime Minister King will be host at a luncheon at his residence, Laurier House, to Cardinal McGuigan.

Saturday's program includes a Pontifical Mass at the Repository, the celebrant being Archbishop J. T. McNally of Halifax, N. S., with the sermons by Bishop J. A. Langhaas of Valleyfield, and Bishop J. C. Cody Coadjutor of London, Ont.

Other features of Saturday's program include a procession of floats along the Driveway, the floats portraying the life of the Blessed Virgin and her principal apparitions throughout the world.

Sunday, June 22, will be the closing day, with Cardinal McGuigan officiating at Pontifical Mass at the Repository, the sermons being by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

Prelate Enroute to Marian Congress



Three distinguished foreign prelates of the Catholic Church were guests of Cardinal Spellman in New York while en route to the Marian Congress in Ottawa, which began June 14. Left to right are: Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York; Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Secretary of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church; and the Most Rev. Mark Francis, Archbishop of Hyderabad, India.

Nazis Tried to Kill Him French Cardinal Reveals

New York — (NC) — A hitherto undisclosed story of how the Nazi Gestapo sought to ambush and kill Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, France, was related by the prelate upon his arrival here enroute to the Marian Congress at Ottawa.

The cardinal, multi-decorated for his valor as a soldier of France in World War I, said that in 1943, after he had issued three pastoral letters opposing persecution of the Jews, deportations of the French to Nazi slave labor, and conscription of youth, the Gestapo hatched the plot to murder him.

Lyons police learned of the plot, the cardinal said, and tipped him off. The plot failed, he said, merely because he stopped following his usual route from his residence in the Cathedral of St. Jean.

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His legal career was interrupted by World War I, during which he served France as an infantry

captured three times by the Germans. After his discharge as a non-commissioned officer, he was decorated with the Military Medal and the Croix de Guerre. Later when he was serving as bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, he was enrolled in the Legion of Honor.

Following the war, he entered the priesthood and was ordained on July 29, 1921. He was elevated to the hierarchy in 1939 and served as bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes until 1937 when he was created a cardinal and became archbishop of Lyons.

Although the cardinal told newsmen that he would discuss freely any subject that was not political, he declared that it would be "complete delusion to say that all of France is Communist."

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Pacific Battle Flag Blessed by Cardinal

New York — (NC) — The battered battle-flag of the U. S. S. New York, the battleship that went through two Jima landings and 76 days' continuous bombardment of Okinawa without a single casualty aboard, was solemnly blessed by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York and vicar of the Military Ordinariate, following a Solemn Mass for the dead of World War II in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Then the cardinal, Bishop William R. Arnold, military delegate, the assisting clergy and fifty uniformed Army and Navy chaplains followed the color guard in solemn procession to the rear of the church where the flag was placed in a Gothic case ornamented with a bronze plaque where it will repose as a memorial.

He recited the rosary in a different language each day. One day it is in Italian, the next day French, then English, German, Persian, Russian, Hebrew, Arabic, Syrian, Assyrian, Ethiopian. His linguistic powers extend to all the Oriental languages except Hawaiian.

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SCHOOL BILL FLAWS SEEN

Washington — (NC) — The Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee has received the amended Taft Federal Aid to Education Bill, following six months' approval by the Senate Education Subcommittee.

The bill as approved by the education subcommittee follows the general pattern of the Taft bill. It authorizes an annual expenditure, beginning in 1948, of \$300,000,000, the purpose of which is to bring the minimum outlay per public school child in all states of the union up to \$50 per year.

In regard to aid for children attending non-public schools, the bill says only that the funds will be made available to the states "for public elementary school and public secondary school education, provided, however, that no provision of this act shall be construed to delimit a state in its definition of its program of public education."

Some sources said this provision was written into the bill to leave the problem of aid to non-public school children strictly up to the states, permitting the small number of states whose constitutions do not prohibit the disbursement of transportation or non-religious textbooks or other services to augment this aid, but depriving non-public school children in other states of any of the benefits of the federal money.

The Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, pointed out, however, that the phrase "program of public education" is so ambiguous that it is likely to limit to public school pupils any benefits of this federal legislation even in those states which already provide some service for parochial school children.

Newest Tito Moves Against Church Told

Amsterdam — (NC) — A grim picture of the situation of the Church in Slovenia, one of the constituent parts of Communist-ruled Yugoslavia, is drawn in reports reaching here from that country.

These reports reveal the same pattern of open and hidden persecution of the Church and her institutions as that which has already become familiar in neighboring Croatia and in other countries under Communist domination.

Under a fraudulent interpretation of the term "religious liberty," such conditions have been created in Slovenia that today there is not a Catholic or religious school that there is not a Catholic or religious home for the aged; there is not a genuine Catholic association.

The Catholic press has been reduced to a tiny fraction of its former scope, and the two small journals permitted to appear are subject to the strictest censorship and are limited to a circulation of a few thousand. The training of new priests is made practically impossible by the reduction of seminaries and their endowments.

The whole country is in the grip of Communist terror, the reports from Slovenia declare, and not a week passes without scores of people being arrested and killed. Yet, despite all dangers and persecutions, the overwhelming majority of Catholics, priests and laity, stand firm in their faith and refuse to yield to the pressure to which they are subjected by a tyrannical regime.

Hundreds of priests have been thrown into jail, or have been mercilessly killed by Communist partisans. More hundreds are in exile. The present rulers of the country seek to lure them back with the deliberate intention of liquidating them. It is said.

Religious communities of Catholic Sisters are being dissolved, and scores of nuns are in jail. Hundreds of others were forced to return to their homes or go into hiding. Catholic processions are forbidden in Slovenia, and there are many reports of sacrilegious actions: burning of prayer books, scrawling of blasphemous inscriptions on church walls, and profanation of altars.

In the diocese of Maribor, both the major and minor seminaries were occupied by the Communists according to reports reaching here. Similar measures were taken in Ljubljana. All four seminaries of Slovenia now serve as barracks for the huge Yugoslav army, which is said to number about 800,000. Nobody knows why such a huge army should be necessary in peacetime.

NCWC Unit Scores Taft-Hartley Bill

New Auxiliary



Very Rev. Joseph M. Sheil, D.D., President of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, is seen here with other members of the organization. The group is standing in front of a building, possibly the National Catholic Welfare Conference headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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BP. SHEIL HITS LABOR BILL

New York — Bishop Sheil has any legislation so richly deserved the presidential veto as does the Taft-Hartley Bill for labor reform, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago, declared in an address to a mass meeting sponsored by the CIO.

Bishop Sheil spoke by telephone from Chicago and his message was carried to the meeting over a loud speaker system.

In his address to the mass meeting, Bishop Sheil declared the Taft-Hartley bill "is a deadly fruit of a pernicious effort" which contains "some of the most intelligent proposals that have come out of our legislative halls in many years." The prelate termed the bill "an open bid to industrial chaos" and said it is necessary as well as dangerous.

Bishop Sheil contended that the Wagner Act is more than adequate to resolve the present differences between labor and management.

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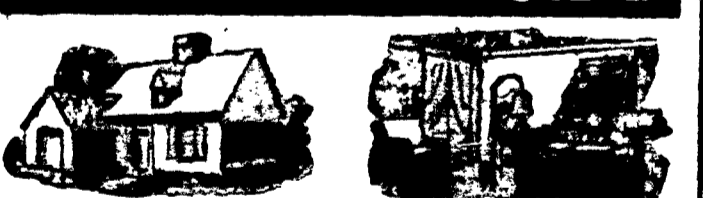
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